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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Abbondanzio et al. : Before the Examiner:  
Tang, Kenneth

Serial No.: 09/981,519 : Group Art Unit: 2127

Filed: October 17, 2001 :

Title: AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHING : IBM Corporation  
SHARED REMOTE DEVICES IN A : Intellectual Property Law  
DENSE SERVER ENVIRONMENT : 3039 Cornwallis Road  
THEREBY ALLOWING THE REMOTE : Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
DEVICES TO FUNCTION AS A LOCAL  
DEVICE :

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 16, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 16, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 25, 2005.

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